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### Denali Commission Access Program Guiding Principles

1. **Authority:** Projects must be within the scope of enabling legislation, including the purposes identified under the Denali Commission Act of 1998 [42 USC 3121], and be consistent with appropriations language.
2. **Federal Responsibility:** Projects must be the responsibility of the Federal Government.
3. **Unmet Needs:** Denali Commission funding is not intended for projects that have been funded in the past nor projects that are reasonably expected to be funded in the future by current sources.
4. **Wide Support:** A project must be contained in the *State Needs List*, or be locally identified and regionally supported.
  - a. In areas where boroughs exist, a project must have the explicit support of the borough.
  - b. If a project is outside an organized borough, it must have the explicit approval of the dominant regional entity (i.e. regional non-profit organization, ARDOR, etc).
5. **Economic Benefit:** A project must enhance opportunities for economic development and must at least generate revenue sufficient to cover the cost of operating and maintaining the infrastructure over its design life,  
Or  
A project must result in efficiencies in the cost of sustaining a community, which at a minimum must offset the cost of operating and maintaining the infrastructure over its design life.
6. **Health & Safety:** Funding may be used for projects associated with life, health and safety where there is a credible commitment from a viable local, state, or federal organization to provide for operation and maintenance over the design life of the infrastructure.
7. **Sustainability:** Projects must be sustainable as defined in Denali Commission Resolution #01-15 and as demonstrated and agreed to in a business plan.
8. **Cost Share:** Project recipients must demonstrate a commitment to cost share in the form of cash, right-of-way, and/or materials.